

Remarks

Reconsideration is requested in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 3-17, 21-24, and 34-52 are in the application.

The allowance of claims 1, 3-13, 21-24, and 36 is acknowledged.

Claim 1 is amended to correct an obvious typographical error.

Claims 14-17 and 34-35 stand rejected as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph. Claims 14-17 and 34-35 are amended to correct a typographical error, and, as amended, depend from allowed claim 13. In view of this amendment, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

New claims 37-52 are submitted for consideration. Support for these new claims can be found at, for example, claims 1-25 in the application as filed, page 16, lines 5-13, page 17, lines 14-15, and FIGS. 2B-2E. No new matter is introduced. None of the cited art teaches or suggests the combinations of features recited in claims 37-52, and allowance of these claims is requested.

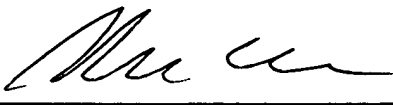
Information Disclosure Statements (IDSs) with copies of references were submitted in this application on October 11, 2001, August 21, 2002, and February 19, 2003, but initialed copies of the accompanying Forms 1449 have not been returned. Copies of these IDSs are attached. Because the references listed on the Forms 1449 were previously submitted, these references are not included with this Amendment. If additional copies are needed, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

In view of the preceding, all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and action to such end is requested. If any issues remain, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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